PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the wise use of natural resources—soils, waters, forests, grasslands, minerals and wildlife—is essential to the welfare and security of the individual, community, state and nation, and

WHEREAS the sound management of these resources cannot be achieved without the guidance and support of an informed and interested public, and

WHEREAS the week of March 16 through 22 is being observed across the nation as National Wildlife Week, a time for expressing national interest in conservation and for stimulating greater public concern for the pressing problems of natural resources management, and

WHEREAS the public lands are held in trust by our federal, state, county, and community governments as a unique public resources consisting of over one-quarter of the nation's area that is enjoyed and used by millions of Americans, and

WHEREAS these vast areas of parks, forests, wildlife, wilderness and range lands must be managed so as to protect and utilize their resources in a manner best suited to present and future needs of the American people, and

WHEREAS this public land system provides a large part of the nation's recreational opportunity, offering the benefits of unparalleled scenery and many outdoor activities, as well as vast stores of timber, minerals, grazing lands and water that are vital to the economic well-being of the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, the week of March 16 through 22, 1950 is hereby proclaimed as National Wildlife Week in the STATE of South Dakota. All citizens are urged to acquaint themselves with their public land heritage, and to give particular support to programs for the protection and wise management of this resource so that its multifold benefits will be perpetuated for the America of tomorrow.

Clara Halladay
Secretary of State

Joe Foss
Governor

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